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ALEXANDRIA RIOTS: 20 PEOPLE KILLED

Daylight Swoop On Arabs

Jewish Shock Troops In Action

Jerusalem, Apr. 5.—Haganah shock troops, swooping by daylight today almost within sight of the nearby British garrison, killed 16 Arabs and wounded 20 others in the village of Sarafand, it was officially stated tonight.

Earlier, the Jews claimed the Arabs lost 40 killed in a 24-hour battle for Mishmar Haemek, a Jewish settlement south of Haifa. The Arabs were reported to have hurled 1,000 men into this battle and British Army reports said they used 25-pounder guns.

Jewish sources said that, with last minute reinforcements, the defenders, 400-strong, inflicted the biggest defeat yet on the Arab attackers, who were beaten back, leaving 40 of their dead lying around the settlement.

ARAB CLAIM

The Arabs, however, said their forces, under Fawzi Al Kawukji, their Palestine Commander-in-Chief, occupied the town and that their flag was flying over it.

Covered by heavy mortars, and artillery, their main force drove in with armoured cars, while other approach roads were closed by ambush forces and road blocks, Arab sources reported.

Haganah, the Jewish defence force, said the reinforcements arrived in time to aid the defenders when the Arabs seized positions around the settlement and were dropping in mortar fire.

The Jewish Agency Executive in Tel-Aviv discussed the recommendation by the Security Council for a truce in Palestine.

PARTITION A FACT

Mr Emmanuel Newman, chairman of the Zionist Organisation in America, announcing this, said: "Partition is a fact. The clock cannot be put back."

"We should be careful in the matter of a truce and should approve a truce on condition that it does not endanger our security, political rights and political programme."

The United States truce proposal was approved unanimously by the Security Council last Thursday when it was also decided to convene a special session of the General Assembly to consider the matter and further the future Government of Palestine.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Anti-Inflation Battle

WHEN the British Government decided the rise in prices must be halted and a serious attempt made to get them down, the position was put frankly and bluntly to the country. If the inflationary wave was allowed to continue unchecked and lower standards of living would follow; if it was reversed the country would emerge the more quickly from its present economic difficulties. The country has responded and today it is possible to report that the prices of a rapidly widening variety of goods are being reduced. Daily almost, manufacturers and retailers have been announcing cuts of varying extent in the prices of their products. Items ranging from essentials such as food and clothing to bicycles, motorcars and so on. Certain of the price reductions relate to both home and export goods; a few cover exports only at present. A significant factor in the reductions is that they have been made voluntarily by manufacturers and retailers. The movement seems to be spreading throughout British industry with a number of further plans under consideration. Of great importance are the proposals of the British co-operative movement to initiate a wide range of cuts by reducing the prices of bread, butter, margarine, cheese, bacon and sugar by substantial margins. Such a move would be of particular value because the co-operatives have a membership of about 10,000,000 and do a large share of the country's retail trade. Another valuable lead has been given by the Federation of British Industries, the National Union of Manufacturers and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, which speak for a large section of the business side

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Changchun Battle

GOVERNMENT TROOPS HOLD THEIR OWN

Shanghai, Apr. 5.—The battle of Changchun went into its third day with reports from Mukden saying that the government so far has been holding its own and hurling the Red attacks back on their heels.

At the same time, however, dispatches were tinged with pessimism. The dispatches said the Reds were able to move up large groups of fresh troops daily and full power has not yet been hurled against the city.

The Nationalists were also said to have scored local successes 40 miles north of Mukden in skirmishes on the north bank of the Liao River. On the Shantung front the Reds under Chen Yi were said to be gaining ground near Weihai and Changlo for the control of the Tsingtao-Tsinan railway.

Today's reports tended to confirm earlier reports that the Reds were massing naval, air and ground forces for an assault designed to recapture the Manchurian port of Yingkow which fell to the Communists a month or more ago.—United Press.

BANDITS SLAIN

Asmara, Apr. 5.—Police with machine-guns and grenades killed seven of a band of armed men described as bandits whom they surprised washing in a stream. It was reported here tonight.

Eight more bandits were captured, a quantity of arms and ammunition. The men took refuge in caves and resisted fiercely, but there were no police casualties. The bandits are believed to have been responsible for raids on Italian farms and the drive against them had recently been intensified.—Reuter.

CURFEW FOLLOWS DAY OF TERROR

Police On Strike

Cairo, Apr. 5.—Silent steel-helmeted troops carrying bayonets stood at all the main road junctions in Alexandria tonight to maintain order after daylong rioting in which 20 people were killed and over 100 injured, 37 seriously, according to official figures.

Life was at a standstill tonight as the city came under its first curfew for 25 years. The sudden curfew, announced by the firing of rifle shots, caught unexpected thousands of citizens who will now have to spend the night away from their homes.

The only movement in the city centre tonight was that of lorries carrying troops and patrols in Army jeeps, who told the people through loud-speakers to keep indoors.

Sporadic firing could still be heard and smoke from burning buildings filled the air. Many people were seen carrying home supplies of food and provisions in case the situation worsened tomorrow.

The Egyptian Premier, Nokrashy Pasha, who flew to Alexandria today to supervise the anti-strike measures, told the population not to go out after 7 p.m. today and tomorrow.

"Orders have been given to fire on sight all suspects after 7 p.m.," he said.

Maraghy Bey, Director General of Public Security, said tonight the Army had everything under control and looting and rioting in Alexandria had ended.

"We have reports that some police officers are returning to duty," he said.

The Egyptian Premier told correspondents he had asked the police to meet him at the Governor's residence, but they had refused.

3,000 MEN STOP WORK

Nokrashy Pasha had an Egyptian Air Force escort when he went back to the aerodrome for his return flight to Cairo.

The entire police force of Alexandria, numbering some 3,400 men stopped work. During the rioting, crowds stopped the tram service, four cinemas were set on fire and shops were damaged and looted.

In Cairo, 400 police officers struck, followed later by policemen. The Watfak newspaper, Al Balagh, which devoted its entire front page to this morning's incidents in Alexandria, was confiscated by the Government soon after publication.—Reuter.

REIGN OF TERROR

Alexandria, Apr. 5.—A strike by 3,000 policemen in this great port city today unleashed a reign of terror by the underworld in which 20 persons were killed and more than 100 buildings were looted and set on fire. Seven dead were policemen.

Unofficial estimates said property damage would amount to millions of dollars. No official figure was available.

Incendiary first, burned throughout the afternoon in the shopping centre of Alexandria. Debris littered the streets.

Even before the curfew hour Alexandria's locked doors and closed windows of their houses.

An eerie silence enveloped the city. Squares where there had been bloodshed a few hours earlier were empty except for passing sounds of troops. The few telephone service from the city was badly disrupted and road and railway communications were at a standstill.

Glass Of Water Brings Reunion

Manila, Apr. 6.—Mrs. Virginia Moriaso, 20, stopped at a store on Quezon Boulevard to get a drink of water, but forgot her thirst when a little girl came up with a glassful. The girl was Violeta, the long-lost daughter for whom she had been looking for 39 months.

Mrs. Ngo smothered the nine-year-old Violeta with hugs and kisses and the girl, after the initial surprise, recognized her mother.

Violeta was lost during the hectic liberation days and was adopted by a Quezon City couple who found her wandering, hungry, in the streets.

Violeta's father, Salvador Ngo, a Chinese, is now on vacation in China.—United Press.

China Olympic Soccer Team

10 Hongkong Players

China's football team for the Olympic Games in London was selected this morning.

The team comprises 10 players from Hongkong, five from Shanghai and three from Malaya.

Chosen were: Goalies: Chu Sing-chee (Singapore) and Chang Fung-jun (Tung Hwa, Shanghai).

Backs: Haw Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Tse Kam-hung (Tung Hwa, Shanghai) and Yum Tze-yam (Tsing Pak, Shanghai).

Half-backs: Lau Chung-sang (Sing Tao), Sing Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Chao Man-chi (Kowloon Motor Bus), Ko Po-ching (Tsing Pak, Shanghai) and Kwok Ying-kee (Kit Chee).

Forwards: Ho Ying-fan (Sing Tao), Cheung Kam-hoi (Sing Tao), Chu Wing-keung (Sing Tao), Feng King-cheung (Sing Tao), Captain, Lau Siu-wing (Sing Tao), Lee Tai-fai (Chinese Athletic), Yap Cheng-sang (Pennang), and Tse Boon-leng (Malaya).

En route to the Olympic Games the team will play three games at Saigon, four at Manila, three at Bangkok, two at Medan, three at Singapore, six in Java, three at Rangoon and four at Calcutta.

The players will leave Hongkong toward the end of the present month and reach London in mid-July.

New York, Apr. 5.—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Jr. died at her home of a heart attack to-day.—Associated Press.

Britons' Big Spending

London, Apr. 5.—Britons spent more on food, tobacco, clothes, books and travel in 1947 than in any other year since the war, but less on entertainments, according to a Government statement on income and expenditure issued today.

Wages rose by 14 percent, rents and rates by six percent, and the total personal expenditure for the year was 16 percent higher than in 1946.

The expenditure on drink remained the same, but more was spent on spirits and less on beer than in the previous year.—Reuter.

No World Atomic Control

Soviet Plan Rejected

Lake Success, Apr. 5.—The United Nations Atomic Energy Commission today rejected Russia's proposals for world atomic control by a vote of nine to two.

The proposals were condemned as unrealistic and unworkable.

The decision virtually brought to an indefinite rest the United Nations two-year search for an East-West agreement on machinery for the prevention of atomic warfare.

The vote, in which Russia and the Soviet Ukraine stood against the United States-led majority, amounted to a coup de grace by Britain, France, China and Canada.

The four powers punctured Soviet proposals on atomic control with a sweeping condemnation and proposed that Atomic Commission members, sitting as the Commission's key "working committee," formally abandon discussion of them.

MAIN BODY DISSOLVED

The nine-nation majority adopted that recommendation and agreed in writing that "no useful purpose can be served" by more discussion. The Working Committee dissolves one of the two main negotiation bodies established by the Atomic Commission.

The other body, which as a Committee discussed the proposed world atomic control agency, also decided to close shop because of lack of East-West agreement. This appeared to mean there would be no more attempts to bring Russia around to the Western powers' view on atomic energy control until there is improvement in relations between the great powers.

Mr. Gromyko protested the majority action and the Ukrainian delegate, Mr. Vasily Tarasenko, went one better, asserting that it was part of preparations for a "new world war" by U.S. leaders.

Mr. Gromyko was more restrained, saying the majority's action brought atomic negotiations to a "dead end" and that responsibility for breaking off atomic talks would rest on Moscow.

SOVIET PROPOSALS

The proposals rejected by the majority were submitted last June after Mr. Gromyko had fought more than a year against the United States plan for atomic control. The Soviet counter-proposals called for an international atomic control agency with limited powers of investigation and inspection. If the agency detected violation, it would recommend that the country in question or to the Security Council.—Reuter.

Berlin Air Accident Sequel

BRITAIN PROTESTS: RUSSIA REGRETS

Soviets Give Assurance

Berlin, Apr. 5.—A British spokesman said tonight the Russians have given a satisfactory answer to a British protest over the crash of a Soviet fighter into a British transport plane today.

The British withdrew their order to use fighter planes as escorts as from tomorrow.

Soviet Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky assured the British Commander, General Sir Brian Robertson, that no intention of interfering with British aircraft using the international corridor to Berlin "in accordance with our mutual agreement" was or is intended.

The official British spokesman said, "Sokolovsky regretted as much as General Robertson the catastrophe which caused the death of the victims. Sokolovsky added that he would issue immediate orders to give the British access to the bodies and baggage in the Viking aircraft."

The spokesman, Mr. R. W. Crawshaw, continued, "General Robertson cancelled instructions put out for provision of protection to our transport aircraft."—Associated Press.

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE
Berlin, Apr. 5.—The Soviet Military Administration late tonight issued a communique expressing its regret at today's air collision between a British passenger plane and a Soviet fighter over Berlin.

"The Soviet Military Administration in Germany announces with deep regret the unfortunate collision of a British passenger airplane on its way from Hamburg to Berlin with a Soviet fighter aircraft, about to land at the Russian airport of Gatow, in the Soviet Zone."

"Both planes were completely destroyed and all the occupants were killed," the statement continued.

Bahlof Airport, which is just over the border from the British section of Berlin, is about six miles northwest of the British airport of Gatow.

Two of the passengers on the Viking were women. The Viking was on a regular flight and was not one of those operating because of the new Soviet restrictions.

A BEAC official in London said there was no reason to suppose that the plane was not in the approved corridor by which British planes approached over Berlin over the Russian Zone. It was a perfectly routine flight.

The Soviet fighter crashed on an empty site in the Charlottenburg district in the British sector. German police removed the body of the pilot and handed it over to the British military police who cordoned off the area.

An eye-witness said the planes were flying at 500 feet when they collided. The Russian plane knocked a wing tip off the Viking and the British plane's port engine burst into flames.

The Russian aircraft dived to the ground, but the Viking came down more slowly and crashed about a mile away, inside the Russian Zone. Immediately after the crash, a Red Army officer and 12 soldiers with tommy guns surrounded the wreckage of the Russian plane and would allow no one to approach.

BRITISH TROOPS TAKE OVER
When Major General E. O. Herbert, Commandant of the British sector of Berlin, arrived on the scene, he told the Russians to withdraw and ordered a company of the Royal Norfolk Regiment to the scene.

Steel-helmeted Royal Norfolks, carrying rifles, were then stationed around the wreckage and one Russian sentry was allowed to remain.

The Russian major, accompanied by three privates, drove across the frontier a few hundred yards away and drew up outside the cordon guarding the Russian wreck.

British and American cameramen immediately began to take photographs, but as soon as the major saw this, he reversed his jeep and drove back into the Russian Zone.

An American photographer who drove across the zonal frontier to take pictures of the wrecked Viking in the Russian Zone had the film torn from his camera by Russian guards.—Reuter.

COMMONS STATEMENT
A British spokesman in Berlin, declaring the British authorities took a "very serious view of the incident," said the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, was in close touch with General Sir Brian Robertson, and that the Foreign Secretary would make a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow.

The spokesman said the Soviet fighter—a Yak—had no right to be at the spot where the collision occurred. It gave no notification of its position to the flying control, which it

Kuomintang Committee To Urge Chiang To Run For Presidency

Nanking, Apr. 6.—The Standing Committee of the Kuomintang today resolved to recommend to the Party's Central Executive Committee that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek be urged to run for the Presidency.

The Committee, composed of 40 top members of the Kuomintang, met for four hours last night to consider the Generalissimo's request that the Party nominate someone outside the Kuomintang to replace him as President of the Chinese Republic. The Central Executive Committee will meet today at 3 p.m. to take up the matter.

Vice-President Sun Fo, who presided over the meeting, said the Generalissimo should be lauded for the "great and noble spirit displayed

by his attempt to renounce the Presidency but the ship of the state cannot do without him at this time."

If the plenary session of the Central Executive Committee today accepted the recommendation of the Standing Committee, Chiang will be forced either to bow to the party's decision or refuse to submit to party discipline, for which he is traditionally the strongest champion.

Sources close to the Generalissimo still professed that Chiang was sincere in his desire to yield the Presidency to a non-party candidate, but they were unable to predict what Chiang would now do in view of the Standing Committee's rejection of his request.

Meanwhile, Dr. Hu Shih, wartime Ambassador to Washington and present President of the National Peking University, who has been prominently mentioned as the individual that Chiang had in mind when he set forth qualifications for the next Chinese President, said he is "not a candidate for the Presidency."

When asked by Chinese newsmen whether he felt he perfectly fitted the five qualifications listed by the Generalissimo for President, Hu replied: "Many persons fill those specifications."

It is only to a query about whom he would support for the Presidency, Hu pointed out that he had already signed his name on the list supporting the Generalissimo.—United Press.

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WOMANSENSE

Pampered husbands — beware !

It is a fair guess that nothing will make an English wife so angry as to be told that she resembles in any particular that long-caricatured and long-suffering figure, the American husband.

Similarly, English husbands might be puffed to hear they are like those notorious American women. Yet the two sets each have one important thing in common, out of which arise many smaller details of resemblance: there are too many women for the men in England, and there are too many men for the women in the States.

Englishwomen and American men know their place. The spectre of matrimonial unemployment haunts potential wives in England and potential husbands in the States, and keeps them in subjection.

The American wife of an Englishman speaks her mind on "male minority rule." EMILY HAHN, the author of this article, lived in Hongkong before the war. She is married to Major Charles Boxer, who was interned by the Japanese here.

This state of affairs gives us a picture of the States and pampered women in England. These favoured creatures also know their place, and behave accordingly. Perhaps the first adequate description of an American woman was made by Rudyard Kipling after a tour of the States. Everywhere he had visited an American home, he complained, he found it impossible to talk to his host or to anybody at all except the daughter of the house. Time after time he would try to strike up some other sort of conversation, only to find everyone else crowded out by an arrogant young woman who took it as her right that she should monopolise the famous guest. Everyone else seemed to assume that it was her right, too, said the puzzled Mr. Kipling. (He married an American woman).

THE CLUB
ON the other hand, nothing seems so much to enrage American women travelling in England as the institution of Club: not the night club, or the athletic club, but the Club, where women are permitted only into one tiny corner of the building, if at all, and only at certain times of the day.

"The fact is," American women tell each other loftily, "those men simply don't like women. It's not like our boys: our boys love their mothers." Well, at any rate, our boys are scared to death of not loving their mothers, which amounts to the same thing. Or does it? you blanch—and rightly—from proclaiming the strength of all these family ties. It is a far more aesthetic way to deal with life, but it is the masculine influence which has evolved it. When an English mother blithely kicks her nine-year-old boy into boarding school she is doing something she doesn't really like, but by being in the majority, paradoxically,

she has sacrificed a good deal of her right to mould her own civilisation. It's the male minority which rules Britain.

In the same way the female minority rules the States. In a lot of ways the analogy must now break down, because nature has the last word, and she stacked the cards against females. Females in American offices get lower wages than their male colleagues; the American boss argues, just as the British boss does, that a girl usually quits her job when she marries, so she's not worth an equal amount of pay while she earns the work. Militarism, on the other hand, she's bad risk in an office; but look at the chances she has otherwise—three point two, or whatever the ratio is, men to one of her. Not three point two of just any men, either, but American men, who are supposed to be such wonderful, in a manner of speaking, husbands.

An American husband is very nice to his wife according to the stories I hear. He works hard all day and then comes home and is polite even when she isn't because polite or not, somebody's mother. At least, that is what I have heard. (I married an Englishman.)

G.I. FLATTERY

THE war, though, has made a difference. I am told that a lot of English girls were quite unsettled by the war, and began to get delusions of grandeur; visiting soldiers were so flattering and polite that the girls never have got over it. I am also told that American soldiers on their journeys abroad found out how strangely intoxicating a little sincere appreciation can be. The governing male minority in the United Kingdom and the female minority in the States had better start making repairs in their iron curtains or they will have a revolution on their hands, and then what?

Subtle Effect in Make-Up



In applying rouge strive for a subtle effect. Put a very small amount on each cheek, blend carefully.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SOME women are not as young as they are painted. They have the make-up art down to a fine point. No slap-dash methods for them. You have to take a keen, close look to discover that the bluish came out of a compact, those dusky lashes have been touched up, the velvet slip was not a gift of the fairy god mother but got that way through contact with the right shade of powder. Spring offerings in clothes suggest that wine shades, amethyst and soft greens are going to have a whirl. They call for the most discreet methods of make-up. One can not, when wearing them, pile on the calamine and the carmine, whisk the lips with the scarlet stick, let it go at that. One must use the old head. One must have the seeing eye, know when to call a halt.

Powder Shade

Remember, powder that is slightly darker than the skin gives tone and richness to the epidermis. Even the blonde looks best when powder

carries a golden cast. Powder must be fluffed on, never rubbed in with the pad. Selecting rouge and lipstick is not so easy. You have to consider the colour of the frock, as well as your eyes, also your hair, if you are a blond or a redhead. Neither rouge or lipstick should be the dominant note because they detract from the eyes, the most interesting feature.

Wine Tones

Keep in mind that clothes of pluni, purple or violet shades call for a lipstick of raspberry or wine tones. The new blue-greens will kick up a colour fight if the lipstick is a true red, so find one that has an orange cast. There are lipsticks of brown, reds, and they're going to look grand in the good old summer time when the complexion goes toasted and one is a nutty-brown mold. There is an orange-rust lip stick that will prove a good friend to the woman who has a sallown complexion. Buy a flock of lipsticks while you are about it. It's fun to have a change-about.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Knarf Was Very Confused

—He Thought Nan and Ann Were Different People—

By MAX TRELL

WHEN Knarf returned to the playground, his sister Hanid asked him if the children had had much fun playing, and whom they had played with.

"They had lots of fun," Knarf answered. "They played with a lot of other children, too—I mean, they played with just two or three."

"It," said Hanid in a puzzled voice. "they played with a lot of children, they must have played with more than two or three."

"Well, it seemed like more than two or three. On account of all the different names," he added.

What He Meant

Here Hanid insisted that Knarf explain what he meant by all the names. So Knarf smiled and said: "As soon as we got outside we found some of the children waiting to play tag with us. There were Elizabeth and Liz and Elizabeth and Bess. And then there were Ann, Nan, Nancy and Annette. But though you would



As far as Knarf could see, Richard and Dick were the same person.

have thought there were eight children by their names, there were really only two! Elizabeth and Bess are all the same girl. They're all Elizabeth even though the names sound different. And Ann is really Nan, Nancy and Annette, too!"

Knarf said, yes, that must be true. Then Richard and Dick came along. But they both walked in the same shoes. They both wore the same hat and coat and gloves. They both must have been inside each other because all I could see was one boy!"

Again Hanid smiled. "Richard and Dick are both the same name," she said. "It's just like John and Jack, and Margaret and Peg, and Helen and Nell, and James and Jimmy, and Harry and Hal."

Things Mixed Up

Knarf said it made things mixed-up when one child had two or three or four different names. "So we played with all those different names and there were really only two or three children the whole time. It sounded like a lot but it wasn't many at all."

Hanid said lots of names and just a few children were good when you had candy to share, and there weren't as many to eat it as you thought from the number of names. Knarf thought that would be quite good. But he didn't see much good in it otherwise.

HOW TO HALF AN APPLE

YOU can cut an apple in two without breaking the skin if you have a needle and a long, strong thread. The thread should be about a foot in length.

Put the needle into the apple very carefully. Run it under the skin, but deep enough so that the skin will not be broken. Draw the needle through but leave a couple of inches of thread behind where the needle first entered the apple. Then put the needle back in the apple in the same hole from which you drew it out and push it further.

Repeat this until you have circled the apple with thread just under the skin. Now take the two ends of thread and pull them gently. The thread will cut the apple and only breaks in the skin will be the needle holes.

HERE'S A TIP

Making a habit of saying "thank you" sincerely and graciously should be practised widely by those who want to get the most out of life.

If the teacher has gone out of his way to explain something that was difficult to understand, he will be repaid by your appreciation if you let him know you have been helped.

Teachers like to be treated nicely just as do doctors, dentists, policemen, firemen, and everyone who serves the public. These people receive more complaints than they do thanks or praise, which they deserve.

QUICKWINK ANSWER

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Rupert helps Dr. Lion



The little pals wait for Dr. Lion to come out, then Rupert goes forward. "Please, my mummy's not well and can't get up," he says, "and my daddy wonders if you would go round and see her." The doctor pauses. "It's very extraordinary," he murmurs. "I believe every person in the village except you three is ill. I shall have my work cut out to get round to them all, but don't worry, little bear, I won't forget your mother." "Dolly, I wouldn't like to be a doctor," whispers Billy.

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Dress Sense

by ROBB & ANNE EDWARDS



IT'S SMART to accentuate the neckline—but be careful. Dangers of this fashion are: 1. Being too obvious about it—using pads, bustles, padded basques. 2. Being too short or stout for it—over 35 in. hip or under 21 in. height. Safety is by trick-cutting, like those full enough and long enough here are four suggestions: 1. Cuff top to a full evening skirt. 2. Hip-level embroidery on a waist jacket. 3. Bustle drapery kept flat without too (suitable only for thin, supple material). 4. Box-plaited basque on jacket.

Teaching a Tot to Face Pain

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

WHEN it is known that a child must face physical pain as in a dentist's chair, the doctor's office or a hospital, it is wise to let him know in a matter-of-fact way beforehand what to expect. To an article I wrote some months ago along this line I received the following from a mother:

"I have often wondered why more mothers don't realise that children who are told in a sensible way about illness or any ordeal to be faced, are easier to manage. We grown-ups are often fearful of the unexpected, but advance knowledge prepares us and seems to make whatever comes a little easier to bear. And so it is with children, who often have more courage than their elders."

Had Tonsils Out

"My own little girl, just six, had to have a tonsillectomy, which is considered a short and simple operation these days. I told her the doctor would go snip, snip and her bad tonsils would be gone; that her throat would be awfully sore for a few days, but that she was so big I knew she wouldn't cry, as that would make her worse. I also told her that they would put a funny little thing over her nose, not to be frightened but to take a deep breath and count one, another deep breath and count two, and so on to ten and then they would take it away."

"Before she came out from under the anaesthetic her doctor came into her room. I asked him if she became frightened at the last moment or fought the other. He looked rather puzzled and said, 'No, she was counting.' Afterwards she told me she only counted to six, and that they had funny smelling perfume. 'I was so glad I had prepared her, for when she awakened she didn't cry, neither did she have the usual

vomiting from too much ether, which so often happens if they fight it, and require more. The nurse complimented me on the behaviour and co-operation of such a little girl. Of course, I was very pleased."

Phonics Coming Back

"Over all America, phonics are coming back to the schoolroom. In some new school books are appearing exercises in phonetics, and a few of the children's magazines are presenting features of phonics in disguise—groups of pictured words which begin with the same sounds and rhyming pictured words. A teacher writes:

"Permit me to say how much your letter to me has meant concerning phonics. You probably do not remember, but you advised me to use a scrap book, with pictures of words beginning with letters of the alphabet."

"I wish that you might see my children's scrap books. They are full of pictures and letters and words, simply done but most effective. I am enclosing some samples. I am proud of them and the children and their parents will always cherish them. It seems to have made an indelible impression on them of the sounds of the individual letters, and I feel it will be invaluable to them in their school work now and later."

"We also made a poster of a number of words beginning with the same letter. For instance, I have one on my boys' room wall that has these pictures on it: ball, boy, bread, bat, bell, banana, boot, bus, bug, buggy. We have one for the letters A and C and so on down the alphabet. Each child can point to the picture and immediately associate the word beneath it with the sound of the initial letter."

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Indecency Charge Defence

Sailor Who Suffers From Black-outs

That he could not remember anything of the alleged incident and that he often had a "black-out" following a few alcoholic drinks was the defence put forward by Petty Officer Bertram William Knight, 28, of HMS King Salvor, when his trial with Lam Lip, 24, trieycle coolie, on indecency charges was continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

After failing in his submission that there was insufficient evidence for one of the charges to go before the jury, Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, who defended Knight on the instructions of Mr. A. S. C. Comber, said the defence was that Knight had been so drunk that night that he was completely unable to formulate any intention to commit the alleged acts, that he could not recall anything about them and that he often had a "black-out" following a few drinks in consequence of continuous drinking.

DEFENDANT'S TESTIMONY
Testifying in the witness-box, Knight said he had been in the Royal Navy for 13 years and qualified in diving about six and half years ago. Up to the date of the alleged incident he had been diving continuously and he had noticed that in consequence he could not take as much alcohol as he used to.

On February 12, Knight continued, he started diving at 2 p.m. and did not finish until about 5 or 5.30 p.m. when he returned to his room in the China Fleet Club. There he had drinks with CPO Bailey and P. Stocumbe, he himself taking a large rum and seven or eight double whiskies. He did not take any food although the last time he ate was at 12.30 p.m.

About 10 p.m., he, Bailey and Stocumbe went to the Lido Dance Hall, where he ordered a cup of coffee but did not drink it.

On leaving the Lido alone he boarded a trieycle and the next thing he remembered was going to Central Police Station in a police van.

Cross-examined, Knight said he first noticed his resistance to alcohol had been weakened about four months ago. He had had previous "black-outs" and on one occasion he found himself in the sick bay of HMS Tamar. He did not know how he got there.

The case is proceeding.

LAD ROBS A MISSION

Kwan Ming-lam, 18, a messenger employed at the Maryknoll Mission, was sentenced to six months by Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning, when he pleaded guilty to stealing \$70 from his employers.

Det. Insp. Roderick MacKenzie, of Wanchai CID, said there had been a number of larcenies in the Mission since December last, and the houseboys had been suspected. The thefts got to such a stage that a trap had to be set. Notes were specially marked and left in the office of Fr Brack of the Mission.

On Sunday afternoon the notes were found to be missing and Insp. MacKenzie and Insp. Morrison of the Fingerprint Department went to investigate. After cross-examining the house boys, defendant eventually admitted stealing the money. He took the police officers to a fortune teller in Wanchai, saying that he had left it there. This proved to be false. Defendant then led the officers to a hillside in Stanley, but the notes could not be found. Eventually, through the Mother Superior of the Carmelite Mission, the money was recovered.

Passing sentence, Mr. d'Almada told defendant that as he was in employ, there was no necessity to steal. "Stealing from your employers is even worse than stealing from outsiders."

Careless Driver

For careless driving which resulted in a fatal accident, Lee Mui-veh was fined \$500 by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning.

According to Sub-Insp. Bell, Lee was driving private car 1911 along Waterloo Road near the China Light and Power behind a trieycle loaded with salt. He knocked the trieycle over and killed one of the two pushers, named Lee Kwai, aged 32.

Pleading guilty, Lee said he was not wholly in the wrong because he was about to overtake the trieycle when it suddenly swung out and he could not avoid a collision.

ST. BELL said accused tried to cut in too close. These trieycles were very unmanageable and motorcar drivers should give them plenty of clearance.

The accused was a prowler driver and had a clear record. On a further charge of driving without a valid licence he was cautioned. He had a licence for a lorry and not a private car.

The Magistrate ordered that the conviction be endorsed on the do-

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



Second instalment of a picture-serial thriller. The scene for the star, Miss Rita Vane, is ready for shooting.

A COMPASSIONATE MAGISTRATE

Sobbing Wife Given Poor Box Donation In Court

A woman gave an anguished scream in the Second Court of the Central Magistracy this morning when she heard Mr. Clifford sentence Li Ho, a 44-year-old unlicensed hawker, to one year's hard labour for breach of a deportation order. That was followed by a crescendo chorus of bitter weeping from her and two young children.

"Please take a lenient view," she pleaded to the Magistrate between sobs. "He is my husband and I only asked him to come to Hongkong to take us back to the country."

Mr. Clifford told defendant that because he only had a previous conviction for receiving, he was being sent to prison for only a year. Otherwise he would have got two years.

Down went the defendant, who wore thick glasses, to the cells below and out went the weeping entourage.

While in the middle of the next case, Mr. Clifford asked Inspector Brownrigg, the prosecuting officer: Do you suppose some recommendation could be given for a licence for the woman to hawk while her husband is away?

COURT DIALOGUE

Inspector Brownrigg said: His Worship could make a recommendation if he so wished, but the Police could not do anything.

The Court Constable was sent to fetch the wife and children back. "What means of livelihood have you got while your husband is away?" Mr. Clifford asked the lamenting family.

"I have none," replied the woman, brushing a tear from her eye. "What did you do for a living when your husband wasn't here?" His Worship enquired.

Woman: I sold my possessions. They are nearly all sold now. That is why I wrote to my husband asking him to come to Hongkong to take us back to the country. I have two more children at home.

Today's Tennis Off

To-day's matches in the Colony Open Doubles Tennis Championship have been cancelled owing to the sodden state of the HKCC grass courts.

Women Jurors

New Supreme Court Arrangements

In future whenever women are serving on juries in the Supreme Court, the Court will rise for a 10-minute adjournment both in the morning and afternoon.

This is disclosed in a letter from the acting Registrar to the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Council of Women, a copy of which has been sent by the Council to the Telegraph for publication. The letter reads:

Dear Madam, I have been directed by His Honour, the Chief Justice, to thank you for your letter to him on the question of Women Jurors and to reply as follows:

In future whenever there are women jurors in Court, the Court will rise for a short adjournment of about ten minutes every morning and every afternoon at approximately 11.45 a.m. and 3.45 p.m. respectively.

It is realised that at the moment the cloak-room facilities for women are not sufficiently adequate, but it is hoped in the near future to have this remedied by the installation of suitable accommodation.

It is regretted that it will not be possible to employ a woman usher as suggested by you in your letter under reply.

Yours faithfully,
C. D'ALMADA CASTRO
Acting-Registrar

His Worship: Will you take your family back to the country and try your best to earn a living if I give you \$50?

The answer came in the affirmative.

Mr. Clifford ordered \$50 to be given to the woman from the Poor Box, but as the now somewhat pacified woman and her children were leaving the Court, Mr. Clifford gave a commiserating look and said: In view of your children, I think I had better make it \$100.

DANGEROUS DRIVER

Hits Lorry-Bus In New Territories

Dangerous driving on the part of Fong Tak-kin, a mechanic, nearly caused a serious accident to a lorry-bus and its passengers along the Castle Peak Road, near Tsunwan, on Sunday.

Driving well on the wrong side of the road going towards the New Territories, Fong forced the oncoming lorry-bus to pull close to the road and according to Inspector F. Roberts, if the public vehicle had gone closer to another three inches, it would have gone into a paddyfield with possible serious injuries to the 20 passengers. Fong was unable to avoid an accident, and eventually collided into the rear of the lorry-bus causing damage to both vehicles.

Following a report of the mishap, Inspector Roberts went to make enquiries and found that Fong was a learner driver. He failed to produce the learner's licence when asked and there were no other witnesses.

Further investigation found that the car which Fong was driving belonged to a Chinese who had gone to Chinese territory and had been there for many months. The vehicle was not licensed.

As a result of this accident, Fong was charged before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Court this morning with four counts of dangerous driving, failing to carry "L" plates, failing to produce his learner's licence and driving an unlicensed vehicle. He was fined a total of \$350 or 10 weeks.

Inspector Roberts added that Police were trying to locate the owner of the private car and if he was not found within a month, the Police would ask for the confiscation of the vehicle.

BAIL ESTREATED

A merchant, Leong Chi-ming, residing at 23, Tai Nam Street, second floor, had his bail of \$50 estreated by Mr. Latimer this morning when he failed to appear before the Kowloon Court to answer the charge of spitting in public places.

Leong was seen by Inspector R. Brown spitting thrice while on the Star Ferry yesterday and three times again after he had landed at Kowloon.

Woman Beats Adopted Child With Firewood

Kong Ha, a 10-year-old adopted daughter of a Chinese couple figured in two cases against her custodians before Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning.

In the first case, her adopted mother, Lau So-chan, of 18, Nam Chang Street, Kowloon, was charged with unlawful assault upon the child between April 1 and 3.

Det.-Insp. Percy Lowe, of Central CID, said about 2 p.m. on Friday last, defendant took his adopted child to the Sincere Company. A Chinese was making a purchase in the store and the child was left a suitcase on the floor. Defendant told his ward to pick up the article and to meet him outside. The child did as instructed, but was stopped at the entrance by the departmental store manager.

The child was ordered to be dealt with by the SCA in connection with the larceny after a charge against her had been withdrawn in the Juvenile Court.

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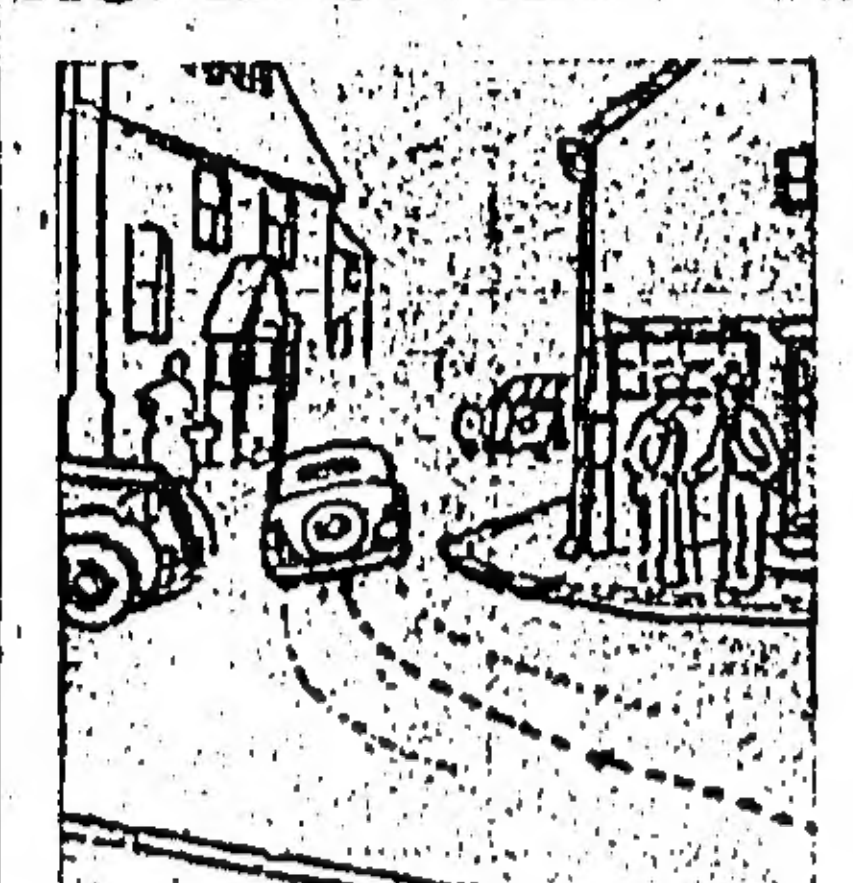
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ROAD SENSE . . . (4)



Harbour To Be Grave Of Wine And Tobacco

"What a terrible thing," exclaimed Mr. Clifford at Central yesterday when Revenue Officer Redman told him that confiscated Chinese wine and tobacco would be dumped into the harbour.

In the course of making eight applications for confiscation of goods seized on various ships during March, for which there was no claimant, Revenue Officer Redman said the Government stores, with the exception of dutiable goods like Chinese wine and tobacco which will be dumped into the harbour.

Mr. Clifford asked if they could not be given to some charitable institution instead of dumping it into the sea.

The applicant informed His Worship that if they were given away, they would mean that people would consume commodities on which duty had not been paid.

"Can't it be arranged that those people pay the duty and the wine be given to them," queried Mr. Clifford.

RO Redman: People won't buy. The duty would be more than what the wine is worth.

His Worship then asked whose order it was that those goods should be dumped into the harbour and the reply was that it was from "higher authorities."

"Well, I still think it's a terrible thing," said Mr. Clifford.

TRICK CYCLIST FINED

Lui Yiu-yung, 21, of Shanghai, was one of those trick cyclists who could ride without using his hands. He was riding quite happily with both hands off, and on the wrong side of the road, at Gloucester Road when Chief Inspector Cunningham arrested him.

Charged with riding on the wrong side of the road and not having full control of his bicycle before Mr. Clifford at Central this morning, defendant was fined \$20.

"I have just come from Shanghai," said defendant.

"If you want to play like a Lunatic, you had better stay in Shanghai. If you kill yourself here, it means a lot of trouble to us. If you want to be a troublemaker, do it in a better way. It is absolute stupidity," Mr. Clifford censured defendant.

Death Of Mr Ralph Dormer

Prominent Former H.K. Resident

News has been received in the Colony of the death of Mr. Ralph Dormer which occurred in England on March 20.

Prior to the Pacific war, Mr. Dormer was Chief Clerk in the Audit Department and was for many years connected with the Hongkong Boy Scouts' Association, being Scoutmaster of the St. Andrew's Troop and later of the Diocesan Boys' School Troop. He also held the appointments of Akela Leader and District Rover Scout Leader.

The late Mr. Dormer, who was born on July 11, 1898, joined the Hong Kong Police Force as a constable in 1925 and in May 1928 was posted as Secretary of the Police Department. Returning from leave in 1935, he was posted to the Colonial Secretary's Office and then to the Public Works Department after which he became Chief Clerk in the Audit Department.

MARRIED IN 1946
Interned in Stanley, the late Mr. Dormer's health became very poor. On liberation he went home on recuperation leave and worked in the Hongkong Government Accounts Office in London for a while. But his health did not permit of his returning to the Colony and he was invalided out of the Government service. He was married on January 7, 1946, and resided in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Recently, he developed asthma and suffered from heart trouble.

During his stay in Hongkong, the late Mr. Dormer was actively connected with St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, being at one time Hon. Treasurer of the Church Council and was for a long period a member of the choir. He also played hockey regularly for the European YMCA.

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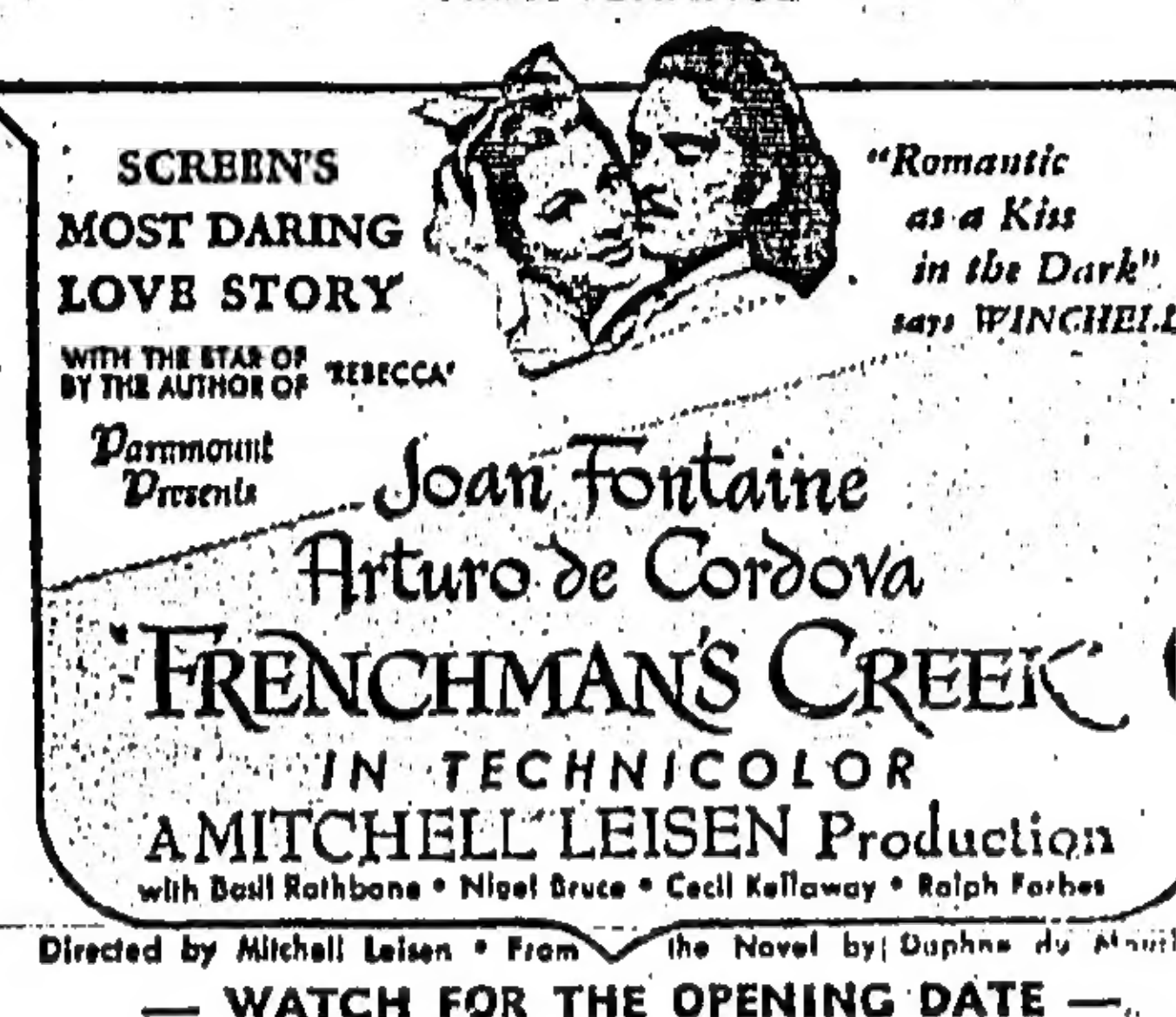
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SPORTS NEWS

BY "RECORDER"

CHINA'S OLYMPIC SOCCER TEAM

Selectors' Emphasis Will Be On Youth

AUSTRALIAN TOUR POSTPONED

China's football team for the Olympic Games was selected at a meeting this morning of the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation's Olympic Football Selection Committee. The names of the players selected are to be made public this evening.

Eighteen players were picked, four fewer than were chosen for China's Olympic Team at Berlin in 1936. They will be accompanied by a manager, Dr Yung Chi-chao, of Shanghai, and a coach, Mr. Leo-Wai-tong, who captained China's soccer squad at Berlin.

Dr Yung stated yesterday in an interview that emphasis in the selection would be placed on younger players. "I doubt very much that we will have more than two players on the team who are over 30 years of age," he said.

The nucleus of the team is to be composed of Hongkong players. Shanghai and Malaya are almost certain of representation and it is possible that Java may be represented, Dr Yung said.

Selection of the team was left in the hands of a committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation.

THE SELECTORS

Named as selectors were Dr C. C. Yung (Chairman), Mr. Lee Wai-tong, Mr. Wong Ka-tun, former Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, Mr. Aw Hoo, founder of the Sing Tao Sports Club, Mr. Choy Wai-hung, Chairman of the Hongkong branch of the CNAAF, Mr. Mok Hing, South China representative on the Football Council, and Mr. Yu Hing-chi, former manager of the Shanghai Intercontinental football team.

Present at the meeting was Dr C. T. Wang, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the CNAAF and China's chief delegate to the Olympic Games.

The Olympic Football Team's tour of Australia, New Zealand and South America is now definitely off until after the London Games, Dr Yung said.

The South American tour is almost certain to be cancelled because of lack of a direct air link between New Zealand and South America and the prohibitive cost of chartering a plane.

Instead a tour has been arranged for the team on its way to London that calls for matches at Manila, Bangkok, Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta.

CHINA'S OTHER BIDS

In addition to soccer, China may be represented at the London Olympics in three other sports. These are basketball, athletics, and swimming. Dr Yung, who is a member of the General Board of Selectors, said yesterday that representatives in the three other sports would not be selected until the end of the National Sports Meet in Shanghai. This will be held between May 5 and May 15.

Decision to participate in the Olympic Games was reached a year ago. At the meeting then held it was decided that China would not send any crack and field athletes or swimmers to London who did not turn a performance in the National Meet that would have been good enough in Berlin to qualify them for the final.

Thus, to qualify on China's team in the 100 metres a sprinter will have to return a time of 10.7 seconds. This is equivalent to the slowest qualifying time for the final of the 100 metres at Berlin.

THIRD TIME

China will be taking part at London in her third Olympic Games. Her first participation in the Olympics was at Los Angeles in 1932 when she sent a single sprinter, Liu Chang-chun.

At Berlin the Chinese team, with officials, numbered 120. China took part that year in seven Olympic sports—football, basketball, athletics, swimming, boxing, cycling, and weight-lifting. Also sent to Berlin was a team that gave an exhibition of Chinese boxing.

Dr Yung, who will manage China's football team, managed it also at the Berlin Games and at the Far Eastern Olympics in 1927, 1929, and 1930. A footballer and sprinter in his younger days, he represented Tsinghua High School in Peking in athletic meets. An alumnus of Tufts College, he represented the Medford, Massachusetts, college, in track, winning his letter as a sprinter and member of the college mile relay team.

He is 50 years of age and, in private life, a Professor of Chemistry at Kwang Hua University, Shanghai. He has done post-graduate work on chemistry at the Universities of Pennsylvania and Virginia.



TWELFTH MAN FOR SOCCER?

Paris, Apr. 5.—A motion by Mr. Stanley Rous, Secretary of the English Football Association, that a player definitely injured in the first half in international matches may be changed, and that the goalkeeper, if injured, may be replaced at any time during the game, was readily seconded by the French Football Federation at today's meeting of the Referees Committee of the FIFA (International Football Federation).

Mr. Rous also moved that Law XII, which deals with the faults for which a player may be penalised, should be simplified so that it could be understood by every international player. This motion was placed on the agenda for discussion at the next International Congress.—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, Apr. 5.—The following were the results of football matches played today:

First Division: Blackpool 1, Bolton Wanderers 1.

Second Division: Leicester City 4, Barnsley 1, Sheffield Wednesday 2, Doncaster Rovers 0, Tottenham Hotspur 0, Luton Town 1.

Third Division (Southern): Crystal Palace 4, Bristol City 0.

Third Division (Northern): Mansfield Town 1, Stockport County 2, Scottish "B" Division: Supplementary Cup, First Round: Rathfriland 1, Albion Rovers 2, Leith Athletic 2, Cowdenbeath 2.—Reuter.

HOME RUGBY

London, Apr. 5.—The following were the results of rugby games played today:

Rugby League: Belle Vue Rangers 20, Salford 3, Workington Town 0, Wigan 0, Hull Kingston Rovers 0, Keighley 4.

Rugby Union: Cross Keys 0, Aberavon 0, Penzance and Newlyn 0, Cardiff 30.—Reuter.

FOOD FOR OLYMPIANS

London, Apr. 5.—Extra allowances of milk, meat, bacon, sugar, cheese, fat, potatoes, chocolate and sweets, will be given to 8,000 competitors in the Olympic Games, which will take place in London this summer, the Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey, announced today.

Olympic committees abroad would also be allowed to send food consignments to their own teams free of duty.—Reuter.

BACK FOOT!



Swedish badminton champion, Conny Jepson, makes a return try with his back to the net during a tournament in London. He batted the shuttlecock through his legs without looking at the net.

BADMINTON

Fixture List For Colony Tourney

The following is the fixture list for the first and second round of the Colony Open Badminton Championships:

MONDAY, APR. 12

At Kowloon Cricket Club: 7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) A. Bayot v. J. Kempton. 8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) P. Lo & K. M. Lee v. M. Verleyesen & A. J. Goncalves. 8.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles) J. C. Kell & C. P. Lim v. R. Tay & P. K. Hui. 9.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) H. J. Xavier & R. A. Xavier v. W. Lawrence & C. Quinn. 9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) D. C. Lau v. W. C. Chung.

TUESDAY, APR. 13

At Club de Recreio: 7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) C. H. Ngan v. Thong Ko Sine. 8.00 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles) P. H. Wang & C. Au v. S. Saul & W. Gillies. 8.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles) P. K. Hui v. S. Ampalavanar. 9.00 p.m. (Mixed Doubles) R. Young & Miss U. Khoo v. A. L. Fisher & Mrs. Tamworth. 9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) R. Lapsley v. T. H. Choo.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 14

At Kowloon Cricket Club: 7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) N. A. Beltrao v. K. Y. Tam. 8 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) A. Ho & K. F. Chiu v. A. J. Remedios & T. Rodrigues. 8.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles) H. F. Goncalves & P. A. Yanovich v. Low Kent Soo & S. Amalavanar. 9 p.m. (Mixed Doubles) J. Kempton & Miss Millard v. P. H. Wong & Miss M. Ribeiro. 9.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles) T. Rodrigues.

MCC Tour Averages

London, Apr. 5.—Len Hutton, Yorkshire opening bat, who only joined the MCC touring team half way through the West Indies tour in response to G. O. Allen's urgent request for another player, carried off the batting honours of the tour, while Jim Laker, Surrey's off-breaker, was the best bowler.

Hutton topped the batting averages for all matches, including Tests, with 64.22, while Laker had the best average among bowlers with 27.03.

Jack Robertson, of Middlesex, with an average of 55.71 heads England's batting for the Tests.

Commenting on the strength of the West Indies side, Mr. Allen, England's captain, said that they possessed a really good combination, while the bowling had been better than was anticipated.—Reuter.

Today's Football

Both Kit Chee and Sing Tao, the two clubs leading the First Division of the Hongkong Football Association League, will be seen in action this evening.

Kit Chee, five points ahead of Sing Tao though the latter have two games in hand, meet Police at Boundary Street.

Sing Tao will face the I.A.F. team at Causeway Bay. A third league game is also on the evening's programme. Club meeting the Kowloon Motor Bus team at Happy Valley. All games commence at 8 p.m.

Jamaican No Longer A Cinch

When Australians watched the Jamaican flash, Herb McKenley, world-record holder in the quarter mile run, beaten into second place at Melbourne in the Australian Championships in January they were watching one of the fastest quarter miles of all time. It was the second time in two years that McKenley had run second in the quarter. In August, 1946, he had been beaten in the American Nationals by Elmore Harris, a New Jersey negro, since turned a professional basketball player and thus ineligible for the Olympic Games.

The Melbourne race was run on a patchy and bumpy track against a cross-wind. The Victorian, John Bartram's time of 48.4 seconds in the outside lane was good under ideal conditions for two seconds less. He may well be regarded as the likeliest man to pip McKenley once more at London, but for another runner in the race—18-year-old Morris Currola.

Currola, who had a few weeks earlier set a new Australian record for the distance of 48 seconds flat, had the race well in hand when he collapsed exhausted five yards from the line.

The Sydney schoolboy recovered sufficiently to improve on his own Australian record with a 47.3 seconds performance in the New South Wales Championship at Sydney a week later.

GOOD FOR MANY YEARS

Conditions in the Sydney meet were a good deal better, but the opposition was not in the same class. Currola at 18 looks good for three Olympiads to come. That is, if he does not burn himself out.

He would do well to develop himself on the line taken by Traylor and Bartram who have progressed to top-class standard at an easy pace and are unlikely to be burnt out for some time to come.

Bartram was content to take his heat in 51.7 secs, a very slow time. McKenley took his heat in 50.5. Currola qualified in 50.2 seconds, unnecessarily fast going with a big final in the offing.

By the time the London Games come around, we are not unlikely to see a very much burnt out McKenley. The Australian trip, a tough winter season, in which he has been beaten once by the up-and-coming George Gulda, and a long collegiate season ahead in America are a gruelling combination sufficient to burn out anyone.

BOXING

GRAZIANO IN DOLLAR FIGHT

Washington, Apr. 5.—Win, lose or draw, the World middleweight boxing champion, Rocky Graziano will receive exactly \$1.00 for his ten round non title bout with Sonny Horne on Sunday night.

Graziano is turning over the rest of his purse expected to be about \$15,000 to charity.

Rocky had been offered a reported \$120,000 to defend his title against the former champion Tony Zale on June 9.—Associated Press.

DECISION BOOED

London, Apr. 5.—Prolonged boos greeted the referee's decision in favour of Billy Thompson, the British lightweight champion, when he was awarded a points' verdict over Andre Gonnat, of France, at the end of ten rounds of hard fighting.

Thompson appeared to have just earned the verdict after having a bad time of it in the early rounds. He was down for a count of eight in the second round from a perfect left hook to the jaw and in the third round took two counts of nine from similar blows.

Thompson was warned for holding and told to keep his punches up in the fourth round.

From the sixth round onwards, Thompson gained the ascendancy, and in the eighth Gonnat suffered a bad cut over his left eye, which put him at a big disadvantage.

In another contest, Mark Hart, of Croydon, beat the British Empire middleweight champion, Bos Murphy, of New Zealand, on points over eight rounds.—Reuter.

WELTERWEIGHT MATCH

Rome, Apr. 5.—Jannilli, one of Italy's best welterweights will fight Englishman Stan Hawthorne in Glasgow on April 14, the Italian Boxing Federation announced today.

Jannilli is a contender for the vacant Italian welterweight title.—Associated Press.

CALLOVER FOR DERBY AND TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

London, Apr. 5.—The cards on the Two Thousand Guineas, to be run at Newmarket on April 28, and the Derby, to be run at Epsom on June 5, were called over at the Victoria Club tonight.

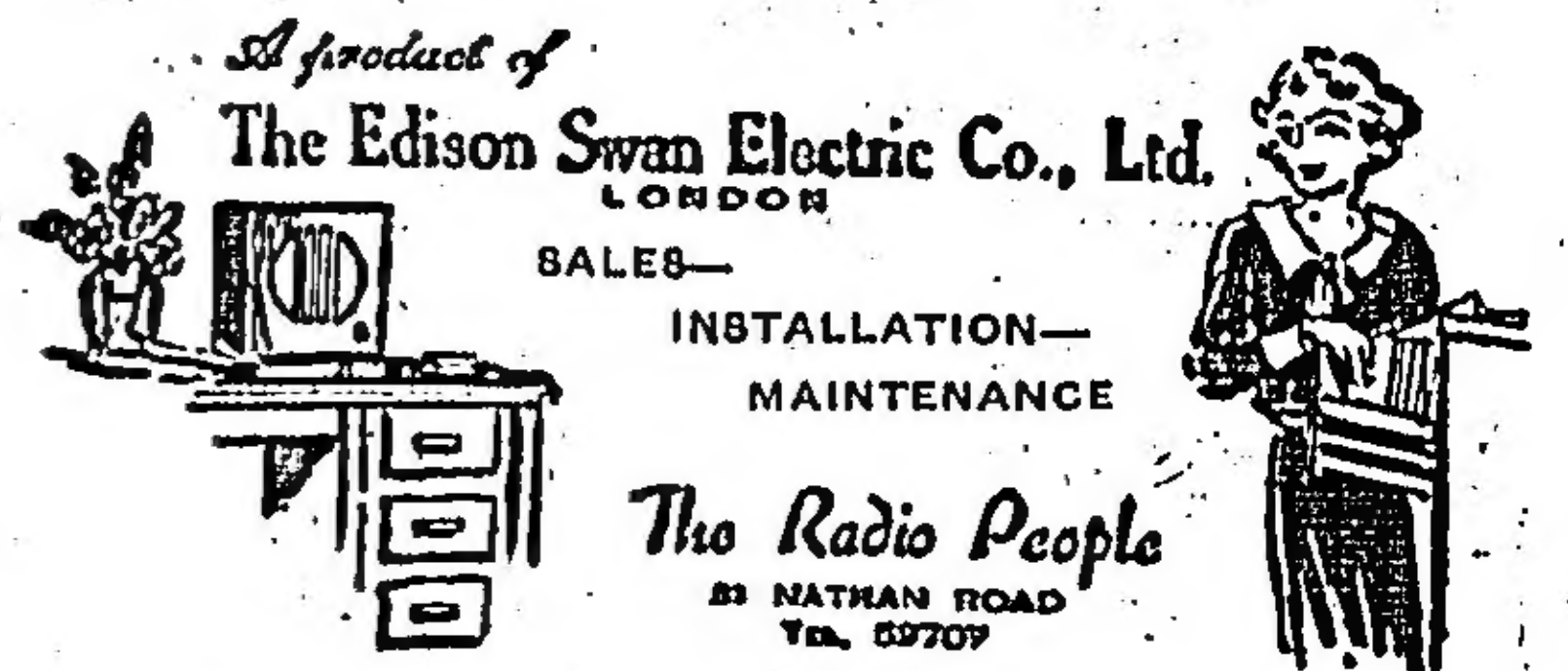
The quotations for the Two Thousand Guineas were: 8 to 1 My Babu, taken and offered, 100 to 30. The Cobler, taken and offered, 18 to 1. Birthdays Greetings offered, 8 to 1. Pride of India offered, 20 to 1. Julian, Fair Judgment and Royal Drake, all offered, 25 to 1. Black Tarquin and Hoyle, both offered, 35 to 1. Djezzah, Djezzah, The Leader, Usher and Straight Play, all offered, 40 to 1. Henley, offered, 40 to 1.

The quotations for the Derby were: 15 to 2 My Babu offered, 5 to 1. Black Tarquin offered, 10 to 1. Pride of India offered, 100 to 1. Birthdays Greetings, and The Cobler, both offered, 100 to 1. Royal Drake offered, 25 to 1. Hoyle and Black Pampas, both offered, 35 to 1. The Senator II offered, 40 to 1. Julian, Old Glory and Straight Play, all offered, 50 to 1. Anschluss, offered.—Reuter.

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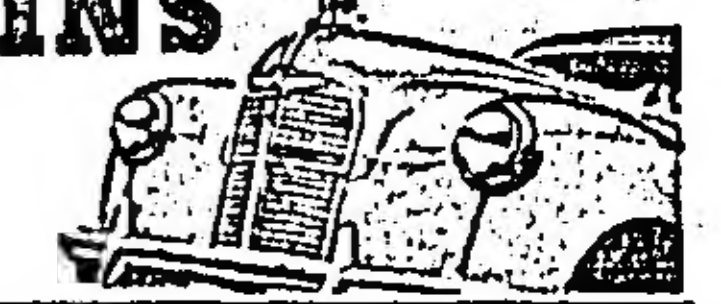
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



MISTER IKE—Looking very much like a college-president-to-be, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower smiles happily for the photographer as he appears in Washington in civilian clothes for the first time since the war. He has left the army to become President of Columbia University.



REPARATIONS—Lieut. Scott Proffitt (right) checks a load of melted-down precious metals for storage in the vaults of the mint at Osaka, Japan. Occupation forces use most of the mint to prepare metals for reparations, leaving a small part for making Japanese coinage.



CHAMPION—Mrs. Reginald Woods and her international grand champion Alsatian police dog, Major, arrive in New York aboard the liner 'Queen Elizabeth' from London. Mrs. Woods was en route to Vancouver, B.C.



BLUNT WARNING—U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall, speaking at charter day ceremonies at the University of California, Berkeley. He warned that Communist encroachment upon free peoples would no longer go unchecked.



OPERATION TOENAIL—A canary gets its claws trimmed in the Chicago bird clinic of Mrs. Marie Wilder, where a chart and case history is kept on each patient.



HIT BY TORNADO—A tornado toppled the standing figure of Abraham Lincoln from its base and broke off the head as it swept through Bunker Hill, Illinois, but a passer-by did what he could—he picked up the head and set it upright at the base (centre). Fourteen were killed by the tornado.



YEARS BETWEEN—Grandma went to the beach in 1900 dressed like Bobbie McIntyre (right). Pat Conlin (left) wears a 1948 version.



TRAGEDY IN THE ALPS—Twenty young skiers were killed and 100 others injured when this ski train, speeding at 70 miles an hour, jumped its tracks on an incline and ploughed into a three-storey home near Zurich, Switzerland. It was the worst wreck in Swiss railway history.



WAY OF ATTACK—The yawning mouth of an LST opens on the palm-studded beach at Vieques Island during U.S. Navy amphibious exercises in the Caribbean. After combat troops landed, the Navy began unloading supplies and heavy equipment.

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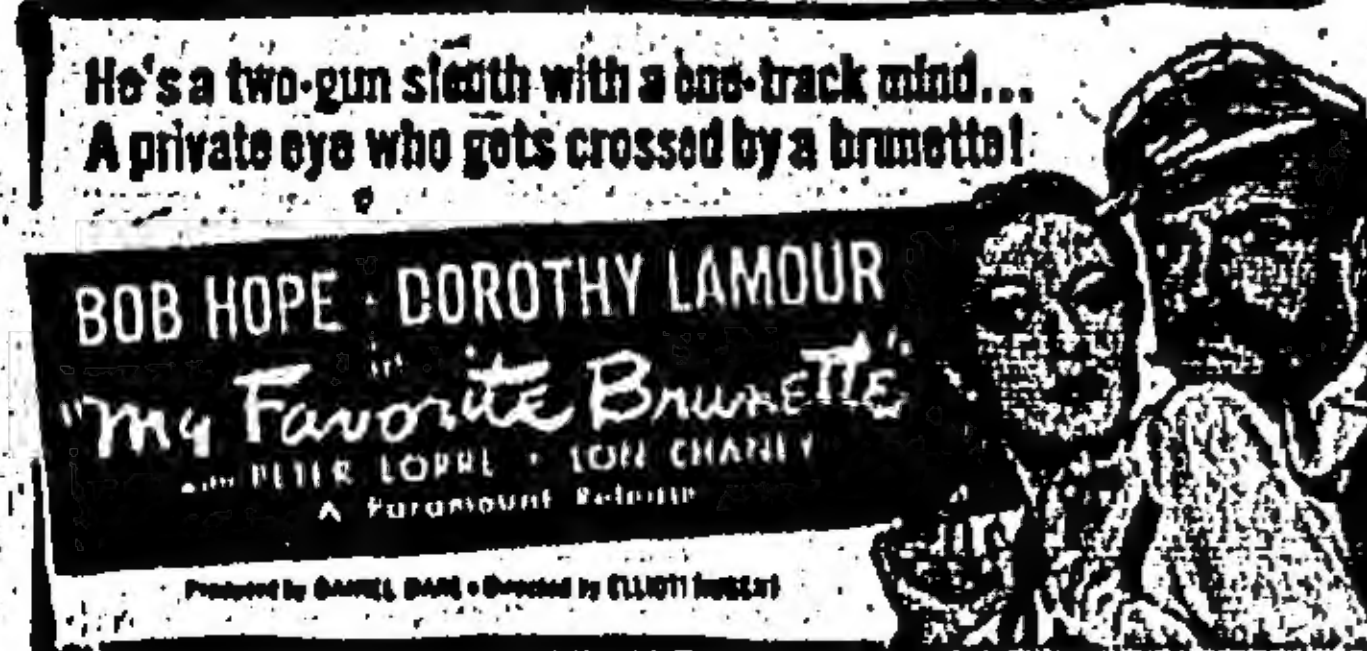
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MARRIAGE BY ARRANGEMENT

EVERY month in London an average of 50 marriages take place as a result of marriage agency introductions. The seven major bureaux account for roughly 85; the myriad small introduction agencies produce the other 15. Statistics show that 60 percent of the applicants are men; 45 percent are in the younger age groups. One big agency reports that it has very few women on its books over 55 and its oldest wife-seeker is a widower of 80. Of 50 men questioned, not one had any objection to taking on children of a former marriage.

A cross section of applicants on the register includes farmers, Civil Servants, nurses, secretaries, airmen (including a wing-commander and a test pilot), a blacksmith, a technical journalist, an hotel proprietor, a house surgeon at a big country hospital, and many war widows.

One agency put a small advertisement in a Polish newspaper for a Polish woman client and received 150 replies. Another agency told me a widow registered her daughter and, after seeing her happily married, came back to register herself.

Three Introductions

ONE of the London marriage bureaux is managed by Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Cresswell (Sandhurst and Indian army). He has a wife and two children.

Colonel Cresswell tells me he first thought of starting this bureau when he observed in India the numbers of girls who came out from England in the hope of finding husbands. When he was demobilised he opened his bureau with his wife.

He charges each client a registration fee of two guineas and a further fee of three guineas which covers three introductions. These are lower than the fees at some other agencies—which may charge five guineas for registration plus 20 guineas if a marriage is arranged.

Colonel Cresswell believes that marriage bureaux fill an important need today. He points out that war conditions changed many people's lives and they have now lost former friends and connections. There are many who have been unable to consider their own futures because

Numbers of Marriage Bureaux are now being opened in London. How do these bureaux work, where do they get their clients, what fees do they charge? Here are the answers—given as the result of an inquiry by

EILEEN ASCROFT

of family or business responsibilities; others who have no opportunity of meeting suitable partners and some men who just cannot afford to marry unless the wife has a small income of her own.

A marriage bureau, he contends, offers a choice outside the small circle of people one usually meets. It means also that through introduction you meet people of the same age, religion, outlook, hobbies and environment and you know more about them before meeting than many people do even after marriage.

Common Charges

COLONEL CRESSWELL is anxious to see the well-conducted, bonafide agency given official support and recognition. Some mushroom concerns bring the idea into disrepute by shady introductions and high costs with no results.

In investigating these charges I came across one woman who paid £50 to such an agency and never heard from it again. In spite of several letters, also several cases where men and women had paid fees in advance, ranging from £5 to £20, and received no further service.

Colonel Cresswell has approached several other agencies and after a meeting in his office, resolutions were passed agreeing on common charges and methods of operation. The minutes of this meeting are being sent to the Marriage Guidance Council for their consideration.

Colonel Cresswell has already written to several bishops asking for their opinions of the work done by marriage bureaux. I have seen their replies, and the majority were in favour of a properly organised and supervised scheme.

Precautions

MOST reputable agencies take precautions to safeguard their clients. They will not accept accommodation addresses. Anyone about whom a complaint is received

is struck off the register and all fees returned.

Usual method of working is for the applicant to fill in a detailed form and send it with a photograph and the registration fee.

Several descriptions of possible partners are then sent and after picking the one which sounds most suitable the introduction fee is paid. Some agencies have no introduction fee, but charge when a marriage is arranged.

The opposite number's description is then sent for approval and if both express a desire to meet a meeting is arranged. Some agencies interview their clients personally, so that they can make a better estimation of character and requirements.

Marriage by arranged introduction is a very controversial subject. Many people feel strongly that it is unnatural and wrong. Some are ignorant of what these bureaux really do and how they work. Others think it is a sane way of dealing with loneliness and lack of opportunity for social contact.



"A bit too obvious. I think it's just a trick to get transferred to an easier job!"

DIAMOND LIL

MILTON SHULMAN
examines the phenomenon
of Miss Mae West



Diamond Lil.

WHEN Diamond Lil, an opulent, spheroid, deep purple synthesis of feathers, ribbons and furs, slithers into focus from the wings, the vast majority of her audience settle comfortably into their seats in anticipation. A minority wince with annoyance.

When Diamond Lil, in a voice that exercises her adenoids far more than her larynx, confides (sings is hardly the word) to her listeners the arch-sentiments of "You Made Me Love You," a Niagara of applause lasting several minutes overwhelms the theatre and stops the show. Music-lovers in the audience cringe and groan in their loneliness.

THERE is one person, however, who fully understands this paradox in taste. She is Miss Mae West, actress, author, playwright and very rich woman. She discovered the secret some

20 years ago when her first play, "Sex," was alternately witnessed by cheering crowds and raiding police.

"It's my personality," she told me. "Just like Charlie Chaplin's—it's unique. No one can do what Charlie does and no one can do what I do."

Pressed a little further on this subject, Miss West will admit that what she terms her personality is not readily distinguishable from what other connoisseurs call—for want of a more descriptive phrase—sex appeal.

"It wasn't until I got to Hollywood that I realised just what everybody was talking about," she said. "Then some psychologists told me I had this appeal physically and mentally—in my eyes, my voice, my body movements."

BUT the road to Hollywood was far from a broad highway of glittering success. The chronology of her fame has made it difficult for her to hide her age.

Unromantic reference books reveal the fact that it all began in 1892 when Mrs Jack West, Franco-German wife of a prize fighter, gave birth to a baby daughter.

At the age of five little Mae was already on the stage tearing at suburban heartstrings in a varied repertoire which ranged from the neglected child in "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" to the princeling in "Richard III."

Her formal schooling ended at 10, by which time it was felt she was well enough equipped intellectually to follow her career. Any other decision might well have been disastrous from both her own and the world's standpoint.

The mature age of 14 brought her parts for which she wore low-cut velvet gowns and moved about the stage in the sinister fashion employed by the contemporary vamp. Two years later she achieved the considerable feat of adapting the shimmy—a series of strenuous wriggles danced by Harlem Negroes—that it was found suitable for performance on the New York stage.

As an exponent of the shimmy she achieved such fame that her producers, the Shuberts, decided to star her in a play of her own. As she tells it, after casting aside about 50 plays chosen for her, she decided to write her own on the theory that she alone knew what she could do best.

As a dramatic piece it was somewhat unorthodox. Not only did it flaunt the hitherto taboo word "Sex" as its title, it also committed every error of play construction. Three dramatic directors turned it down as childish and crude. A fourth—Miss West admits he was somewhat eccentric—bought it as a masterpiece. Not only did "Sex" run for years to packed houses on Broadway, it landed its author in gaol for ten days on a charge of indecency.

WHAT followed is now history. A series of plays with the same theme and the same star brought the same success. Their titles indicate their mood—"Constant Sinner," "Pleasure Man," "The Wicked Age." Hollywood could no longer neglect this obvious source of gold.

Miss West is very proud of her many records as a money-making individual. She will tell you unabashed that for six consecutive years she paid the highest income tax in the United States. In 1935 she earned £200,000. Another year her annual income was listed at £120,000.

And no one is more aware of the monetary value of the illusion she has created than Mae West herself. For illusion it is. Far away from the footlights this hip-swinging, sensual, broadened, almost legendary figure, turns out to be a quick-spoken, shrewd, earnest American woman.

CLOSE-UP, her marble skin reveals nothing about her age other than that she is over 55 and under 60. Only the appallingly long, expertly-curved eye-lashes, indicate artificiality and the stage.

Gone is the voice ranging suggestively between sibilance and gutturalness; in its stead comes a matter-of-fact New York accent liberally interspersed with yuck-wink-isms, cantinas and kindas. And not a wisecrack anywhere. She saves those for her plays.

But it is in her ability to exploit the illusion she knows the public want that the secret of her success lies. There is something significantly feminine about both the £ and \$ signs. Miss West has understood instinctively, and very acutely, the importance of that symbolism. Dr Freud would have had a lot of fun with Mae West.

WHAT KIND OF A MAN DID I HELP TO KILL

From JAMES COOPER

TORONTO. THREE things worried Luftwaffe Lieutenant Heinz Schlechter when he helped to shoot down a Spitfire over the Mediterranean.

The first was what kind of a man had he helped to kill?

The second was how old was he?

The third was why did he fight on against odds?

Now, five years after the day that Pilot-Officer John Newton Miller was killed off Cap Passero, Sicily, his mother has answered the German's questions.

CANNOT FORGET

To Schlechter at 37, Herzog Frederickstrasse, Innsbruck, she wrote a reply to his year-old letter that reached her through the Air Ministry in London. Schlechter wrote:

"On March 20, 1943, I was engaged in an aerial combat with an R.A.F. fighter off the south coast of Sicily and I have never been able to forget it."

"My opponent was a remarkably brave man, and I experienced no feeling of

triumph afterwards, but as though I had slain a friend." Schlechter explained that he was flying an Me.109G with his friend Lieut. Bernd Schneider, who, though only 21, had 27 confirmed kills.

The two German fighters spotted Miller's Spitfire circling alone below them (official description is that Miller was trying to protect his commanding officer, who had crashed and was on a raft). Says Schlechter:

"Bernd attacked, but the Spitfire got away. Our unknown enemy dodged every attack."

"Fifteen minutes passed and we had received a few hits. We were ready to break off the engagement, as our fuel was getting short."

"Just at that moment the Spitfire got behind us and we realised that we were up against it."

"This was no novice, but a first-rate man who meant to settle his fight one way or another."

"He could have vanished into the clouds but he did not."

"Suddenly he came towards us with the evident intention of shooting one of us down, but Bernd fired a fraction of a second before the Spitfire pilot, who flew clean into a hail of fire."

"Out of control, his plane plunged into the sea."

"On May 2 the same year Bernd was shot down in the Mediterranean and his body lies in the same grave as that of his most valiant opponent."

"Who could this man have been? How old was he? What did he look like?"

"I suppose the R. A. F. presumes this airman is missing."

"Will you be so kind as to send on this letter to his parents or relations?"

MOTHER'S REPLY

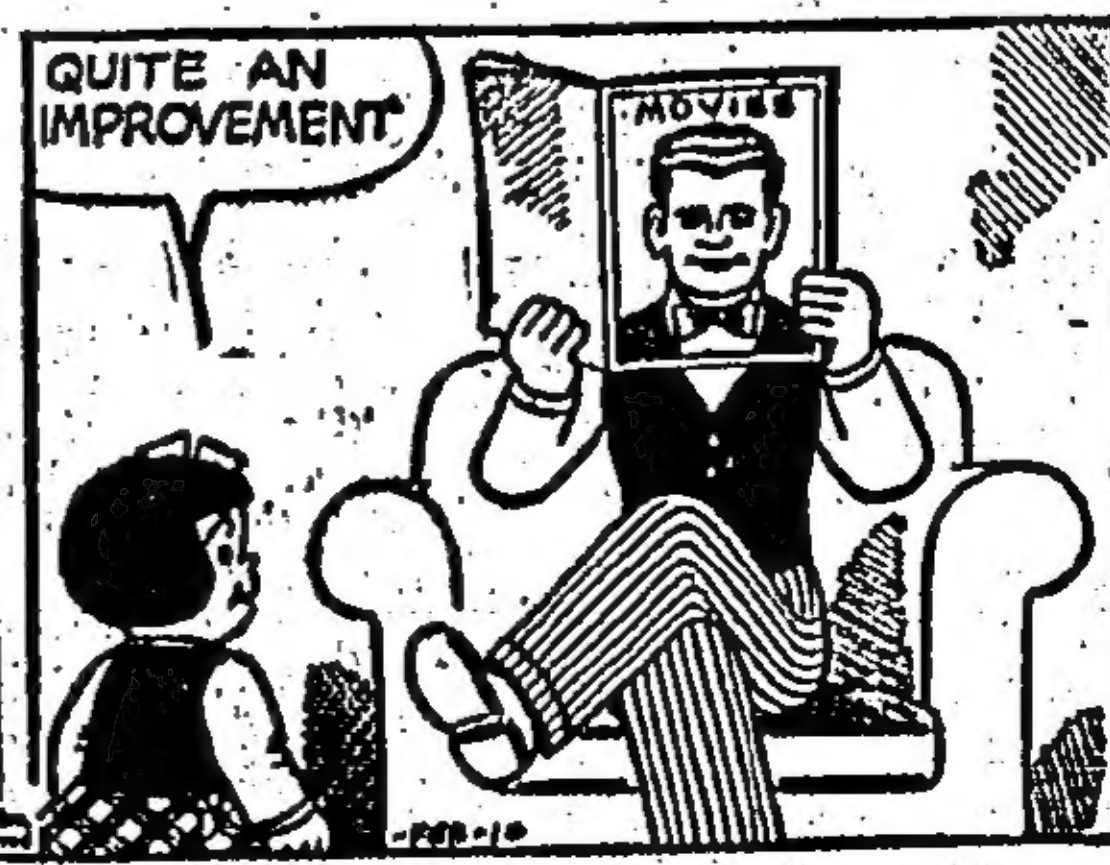
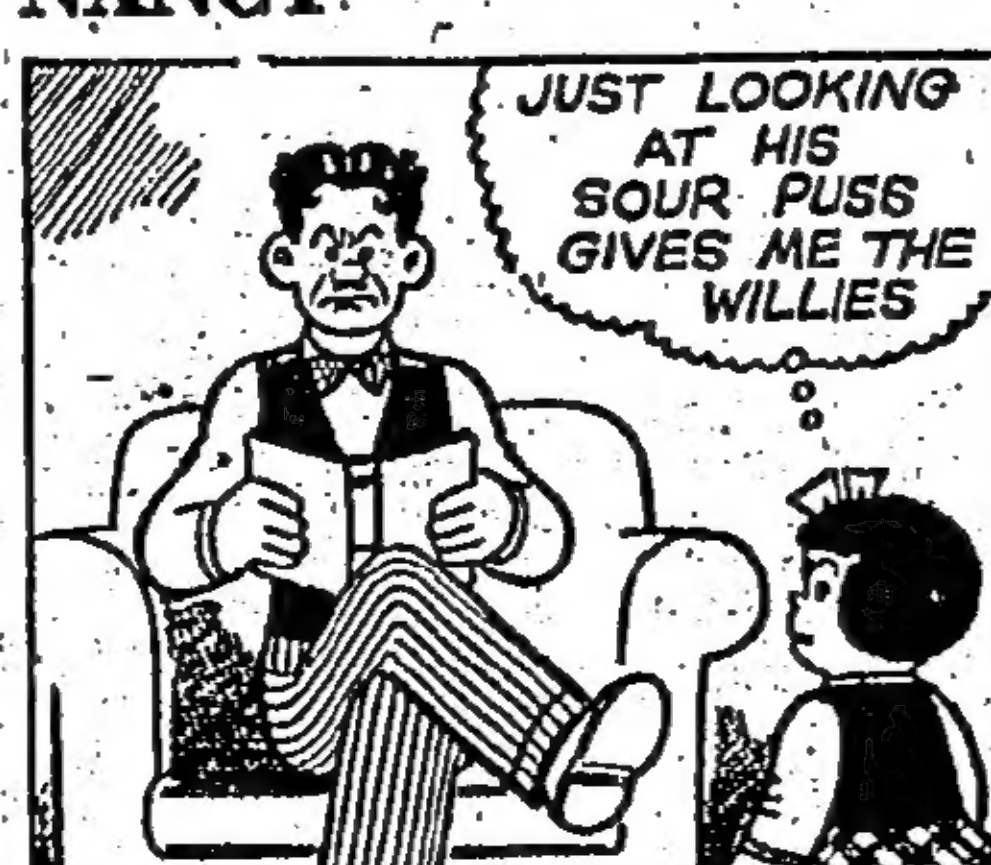
The Air Ministry searched their records and sent Schlechter's letter to Mrs Miller in Toronto, stating "the investigation proves that it undoubtedly refers to your son."

Miller replied and told Schlechter what he wanted to know. She sent a photograph to show what John looked like.

She told Schlechter that her son would have been 26 last Thursday, March 18.

But it was not a forgiving letter. For she answered the third question, why John fought on against odds: "You see, he wanted to revenge his younger brother Bruce, who was shot down and killed less than a year before."

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MILITARY CHIEFS TO CONFER

Berlin, Apr. 5.—The four-day old restrictions on traffic between the Western Zones and Berlin eased today, and Major-General Neville Brownjohn, the British Deputy Military Governor, accepted Soviet General Dratvin's offer to negotiate "for the purpose of removing difficulties."

General Brownjohn, accepting, suggested that it would save time if representatives of all four commanders-in-chief discussed the question together.

All inland water traffic across the Soviet Zone of Germany, suspended last Friday because of the Russian restrictions, resumed again this morning.

The officer-in-charge of the British frontier post at Helmstedt reported that the daily convoy of British buses carrying British personnel from the British Zone to Berlin passed through the Soviet check point without incident early this afternoon.

The convoy from Berlin to the Zone came through a few minutes later, also without delay.

Other Allied road traffic had been completely normal along the Autobahn today, he said. The train in which the British Military Governor, General Sir Brian Robertson, arrived back here from the British Zone, was delayed only two minutes as it passed through the Russian control point at Marienborn.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall, terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary,
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Closing of Transfer Books
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

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Atom Bomb Shock Causes Arrested Growth

Palo Alto, California, Apr. 5.—Dr. William W. Greulich, Stanford University anatomy professor, held that Japanese children surviving the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki suffered temporary growth stoppage due to the terrific shock of the blasts.

He said evidence of arrested growth could be seen clearly in X-rays of Japanese children subjected to the bombings. Greulich and his wife spent last summer in Japan taking measurements and extensive X-rays of more than 1,000 Japanese children.

He said the temporary growth stoppage was not a specific effect of radiation on the bones but appeared to be the result of the terrific shock to which the children's bodies were subjected. He said the growth stoppage was similar to what normally follows a serious illness or major vitamin deficiency.

Greulich said all the children X-rayed had received sufficient radiation to suffer temporary loss of hair and other symptoms of radiation sickness.—United Press.

Worst Of World's Food Crisis Over

Washington, Apr. 5.—The worst edge has been taken off the world's food crisis and cautious optimism about future grain prospects is possible for the first time since the war, according to a report of the International Emergency Food Committee, issued here today.

No Iron Curtain For Austria

Vienna, Apr. 5.—Two high Austrian officials declared that Austria has no intention of letting the iron curtain fall over her borders.

Secretary of the Interior Ferdinand Graf told a People's Party rally deep in the Soviet zone that he was confident the Communists will be defeated in Italy.

Graf said even assuming an outside possibility that the Communists should win, the Communists had better not turn on Austria "in daylight as it is not a no-man's land to be conquered at will."

At Gehrndorf, near Oespefeld, "the Russians are reported to have dug trenches and placed machine-guns in them."

Trees within the firing range of these guns were cut down.

MERGER PROPOSAL
The Soviet proposal for a merger of the Allied Kommandatura's committees will be discussed at a meeting of the Allied deputy commanders on Thursday, a British representative in Berlin said tonight.

The Chiefs of Staff of the Commandants met this afternoon, but no agreement on the subject was reached.

The Department of Internal Affairs of the Province of Hesse announced today details of an incident on Wednesday when two Soviet officers and 13 soldiers with radio equipment crossed the frontier into the American occupation zone.

The incident occurred near Hirschhausen, where the group withdrew after intervention by the Hessian frontier police, the announcement said.

On the same day, a lorry containing six Soviet soldiers drove into the American zone near Weimarshausen and remained there for half an hour, it was stated.—Reuter.

NO SEPARATE PEACE
Foreign Minister Karl Gruber wrote in the official government newspaper, Wiener Zeitung, that Austria never will sign a separate peace treaty with Russia.

He wrote: "We do not know, due to a scarce flow of information from these countries, how direct settlement of claims with the Soviet Union affected Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, but it remains an undeniable fact that the governments of these countries have changed their fundamental structures during the past three years as they went through people's democratic regeneration."

"It is the most fundamental principle of our government to avert such a development. Therefore, the Communist suggestion that such a step be taken is unacceptable."—United Press.

Gromyko Won't Be Present

New York, Apr. 5.—Mr. Andrei Gromyko disclosed today that he probably will not be present when the United States announces its proposals to United Nations diplomats for United Nations trusteeship over Palestine.

Gromyko and nine other members of the Security Council were invited to a private meeting at which the American delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, is expected to disclose a plan for the Holy Land.

There was several indications that the American plan is designed to prevent any active Soviet role in Palestine, keeping the Holy Land within the control of the Western Powers.—United Press.

Viet Nam Meeting Postponed

Paris, Apr. 5.—Quoting authoritative Viet Nam sources, the French press agency reported from Saigon today that General Xuan, President of the Government of Cochinchina, after conferring yesterday with other Viet Nam leaders, decided to postpone for 10 days the first meeting of the study committee which was to have met on Saturday to define the aspirations of Viet Nam in preparation for the forthcoming negotiations between the ex-emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, and the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, M. Emile Bollaert.—Reuter.

Krupp Directors Acquitted

Nuremberg, Germany, Apr. 5.—Alfred Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach and 11 other directors of the Krupp munitions combine were acquitted by a U.S. court today on two of four war crimes charges.

The tribunal cleared all 12 of the charges that they committed crimes against peace and that they participated in a conspiracy against peace.

They still face two charges—plunder and spoliation of nations and deportation, exploitation and abuse of slave labour.—Associated Press.

AIR AGREEMENT

Manila, Apr. 5.—The Chinese Legation in Manila disclosed that, pending the negotiation of formal air transport agreement, the Chinese and Philippine Governments have agreed to an arrangement whereby planes of one country in distress may use emergency airfields of the other and vice-versa.—Reuter.

Presented to the Food and Agricultural Organisation's Council in session here, the report said: "The unusually mild winter in Europe, record harvests in Australia, and the doubling of monthly grain exports from Argentina, have taken the worst edge off the anticipated world food crisis in 1947-1948, and warrant a cautious optimism for the future."

Discussing the outlook for the year beginning July 31, 1948, the report said that if good prospects are realized, it should be possible to restore bread rations to more normal levels, to improve working stocks in importing countries and even to lower the extraction rates.

NEED FOR CAUTION

It emphasised, however, that these are only prospects after this year's harvests are gathered and not before.

Urging the need for caution, the report added that the strictly supply and demand standpoint, there was little doubt that the need for careful international, as well as national, management of cereals would continue in the coming crop year.

"It seems particularly vital at this time to avoid irresponsible enthusiasm about future prospects," the report said.

"Governments will require more than over the most comprehensive and objective information if they are to be in a position to counteract the short-sighted pressure for the premature removal of controls."—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT CRITICISED

New Haven, Apr. 5.—An American historian, Professor Charles A. Beard, said in a book published today that the late President Roosevelt secretly committed the United States to military action months before Pearl Harbour and "manoeuvred" the Japanese into firing the first shots of the war.

Mr. Roosevelt, he wrote, considered war inevitable as early as October, 1940, when he was making election campaign speeches asserting that American military forces would not be sent to fight in foreign wars.

The book is entitled "President Roosevelt and the Coming of the War, 1941: A Study of Appearance and Reality."

SECRET "MEANS"

President Roosevelt, he said, employed often arbitrary and secret means towards an end "which he chose for himself and the United States"—the defeat of Hitlerism with the aid of American armed force.

Professor Beard questioned whether these "means" were justified in the light of the war's actual outcome.

"The noble principles of the Four Freedoms and the Atlantic Charter were, for practical purposes, discarded in the settlements during and after the war," he said.

He mentioned the treatment of Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania, Yugoslavia, China, Indo-China, Indonesia, Italy and defeated Germany, and added that out of the war came too "the triumph of another totalitarian regime, no less despotic and ruthless than Hitler's system—Russian one."

He said the war had produced ruthless leviathans in the long history of military empires.—Reuter.

Austrian Peace Talks Progress

London, Apr. 5.—Important progress was recorded at today's meeting of the four Foreign Ministers of the Big Four, as they discussed the substantial concessions on the German assets question were made by all four deputies.

Agreement was reached in principle on the duration of oil concessions which Russia is to get in Eastern Austria, and on the oil-distributing firms to be allotted to her.

The deputies came also to agreement on the important point of how much of Austrian oil production is to be allotted to Russia. She now claims 60 per cent, while the Western delegates have raised their figures to 58 per cent.

All four delegates said that they are ready to modify their figures in the light of detailed examination of the oil terrain.—Reuter.

REYNOLDS WILL NEVER COME BACK

Tokyo, Apr. 5.—Milton Reynolds took off for the United States today after telling newsmen "I will never come back to China again."

Milton Reynolds, would-be explorer who defiantly fled from China, got United States approval to fly on to the United States.

General Douglas MacArthur's office announced the flight clearance. It said it had no official request from China to send Reynolds back.

In Shanghai, American sources doubted whether Reynolds could be extradited to China if the Chinese Government requested.

GENERAL INDIGNATION
The United States and China have not negotiated an extradition treaty.

It was pointed out too that Reynolds presumably broke only Chinese domestic laws fit his unauthorized departure.

A Nanking report said that American officials and Chinese scientists joined in indignant criticism of Reynolds. He himself admitted leaving China owing CN\$53,600,000 for services but said he would send a cheque for the money as soon as he reached Chicago.

He left his passport behind and American officials intimated that it will be a long time before he gets another.—Associated Press.

EMERGENCY AID ON WAY

Washington, Apr. 5.—Three shiploads of emergency aid for France and Italy were on the way across the Atlantic today as the State Department began working out details of operations under the full Marshall Plan signed by President Truman on Saturday.

The State Department disclosed that one shipload of aid for France and two of wheat for Italy were on the high seas already.

Order under the interim scheme will be carried out until the full Marshall Plan is working. The State Department has not yet asked the 16 nations which are to benefit from the \$5,300 million programme for "letters of intent" signifying their willingness to adhere to the provisions of bilateral agreements to be concluded later.

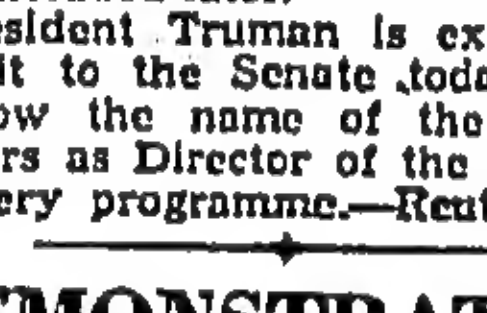
President Truman is expected to submit to the Senate today or tomorrow the name of the man he favours as Director of the European recovery programme.—Reuter.

DEMONSTRATION BY STUDENTS

Madrid, Apr. 5.—About 2,000 students staged a demonstration opposite the British Embassy here this afternoon, hissing, booing and jeering.

They later moved towards the United States Embassy, but a cordon of police held them at a distance of about 100 yards from the building, where they sang the Falangist Party song, gave the Fascist salute, and shouted insults directed against President Truman.—Reuter.

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